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In re application of:  
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Title: Carrier Holding Micro-Substances,  
System Suspending Such Carriers,  
Apparatus for Manipulating Such  
Carriers and Method of Controlling  
Positions of Such Carriers

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
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**Introductory Comments**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on December 16, 2003.

This paper amends the claims, but no additional filing fee is due.

A three month extension of time is hereby requested, and a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is filed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-1394 of Haynes and Boone, LLP.

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